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June 7, 2012

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E. Street, S.W. Room #100 Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Freeborn County, Minnesota Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 298X) Service Date - January 20, 2012.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Under the above described Decision and Notice, Interim Trail Use (NITU) for purposes of negotiation were granted until January 17, 2012 and the permit for public use negotiations was granted until July 15, 2012.

At this time, Freeborn County is formally requesting extension of (NITU) for purposes of negotiation and permit for public use negotiations for an additional 180 days from July 15, 2012. This additional time is being requested in anticipation of fully completing this negotiation process during this period.

On behalf of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioner I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

John W. Kluever

County Administrator

Mack H. Shumate, Jr. – Union Pacific Senior General Attorney cc: Jim Harrel, Union Pacific Senior Manager - Real Estate